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Director of Public Relations
Johns Hopkins Hospital
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Sir,

I have asked Duncan Macrae, whose boy is a patient in your hospital, to bring several rather large eggs to you. My wife and I would like your children patients to have them for Easter. I am writing you because it has been our experience in the past that these make an attractive item for the news media which may tend to attract attention to the needs of the hospital and its patients. We have given them to Children's Hospital in Washington for a number of years.

If there is any publicity, we do not want to figure in it. That is not our purpose. As a matter of fact, most of these eggs come from one goose. We save her just so we can have these monstrous eggs for the kids at Easter. Most of the eggs she lays are, like these, double yolked and will not hatch. Even for goose eggs, these are very big.

My wife has already hardboiled these eggs. I would suggest that they will keep better under refrigeration, or kept in a cool place. They have often kept for as much as three months after Easter, when used in occupational therapy in Washington. They will not take normal dyes. They can be enameled, and they will take decals. Some of our ducks lay a pretty bluish eggs, and if we get any of them before Easter we will send your children a "natural" Easter eggs. If you could keep them without too much trouble, we would send the children some of our ducklings, which are very colorful and friendly. They make good pets but also have some disadvantages.

We do hope these eggs will make the kids just a little happier.

Sincerely yours,

Harold Weisberg
Harold Weisberg

P.S. There is a Dr. Garlick in Baltimore who was out to see us recently. I told him I'd have some of these eggs for another hospital in Baltimore by Easter. He didn't leave his number and I do not know how to reach him. If it is not too much trouble, could you have him call me? He is a surgeon.